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<b>4</b> )⊠	Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-19 is/are pending in the	application.				
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5)⊠	Claim(s) <u>12,13 and 15-19</u> is/are allowed.					
6)⊠	☑ Claim(s) <u>1,2,5 and 11</u> is/are rejected.					
7)🛛	☑ Claim(s) <u>3,4 and 6-10</u> is/are objected to.					
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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

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### Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's Response and Request for Continued Examination filed March 5, 2003 and July 3, 2003 have been place of record in the file as Papers No. 10 and 13, respectively.

## Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes,", "Disclosed is", etc.

# Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1-2, 5, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated 4. by Cherian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,199,209). With regard to Claim 1, Cherian et al. discloses a receptacle connector (10) for effecting an electrical connection between an integrated circuit package (14) having a plurality of contacts (46) disposed thereon, and a printed circuit board (12) having a plurality of contact pads (46) formed thereon, the receptacle connector (10) comprising: insulative connector housing (16,20,50) for interposing between the integrated circuit package (14) and the printed circuit board (12) in use, the connector housing (16,20,50) including a plurality of cavities (where 18 are located) formed therein, each of the cavities (where 18 are located) opening to opposite surfaces of the connector housing (16,20,50); and, a plurality of conductive terminals (18) embedded in the connector housing (16,20,50), each of the terminals (18) being disposed in a single one of the cavities (where 18 are located), the terminals (18) including body portions (portion between 28, 34 and 30) extending across connector housing cavities (where 18 are located), the terminal body portions (portion between 28, 34 and 30) having a plurality of edges (lateral outermost points of 18), the terminals (18) including pairs of terminal retention members (28, 30, 34) disposed along two opposing edges of the body portions (portion between 28, 34 and 30), the terminal retention members (28, 30, 34) extending into the connector housing (16,20,50) to thereby hold the terminals (18) in place, at least one of the terminal retention member (28,34, and 30) including a retention stub (curved inside corners of 28, 34 and 30) formed by bending the terminal (18) upon itself, the terminals (18) further including

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contact arms (upper part of 18 in which 32 is located) that extend away from the terminal body portions (portion between 28, 34 and 30) and project exterior of the connector housing (16,20,50) for contacting the contacts (46) or contact pads (46). See Fig. 1.

With regard to Claim 2, Cherian et al. discloses each of the terminals including a retention stub (curved inside corners of 28, 34 and 30) as one of its retention members (28, 30, 34) and further includes a retention arm (upper part of 18 in which 32 is located) as the other of its the two retention members (28, 30, 34), the retention stub (curved inside corners of 28, 34 and 30) and arm (upper part of 18 in which 32 is located) extending away from the terminal body portion (portion between 28, 34 and 30) in different directions. See Fig. 1.

With regard to Claim 5, Cherian et al. discloses a portion (curved corners of 28, 34 and 30) of each the terminal (18) being folded upon itself to define a U-shaped bend in the terminal (18), the U-bend defining the terminal retention stub (curved inside corners of 28, 34 and 30) of the terminal (18). See Fig. 1.

With regard to Claim 11, Cherian et al. discloses each of the contact arms (upper part of 18 in which 32 is located) extending obliquely away from the body portion (portion between 28, 34 and 30), beginning at the retention stub (curved inside corners of 28, 34 and 30) and terminating in a free end (tips of 28, 34 and 30) that is spaced apart from a central portion (center of the portion between 28, 34 and 30) of the body portion (portion between 28, 34 and 30). See Fig. 1.

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### Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 12-13 and 15-19 are allowed.

6. Claims 3-4, and 6-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The references fail to teach, disclose, or suggest, either alone or in combination, regarding Claims 6, 16 and 19, each of the terminals including a spherical contact applied to the terminal and disposed on a side thereof opposite the contact arm; regarding Claim 3, the terminal body portion extends in a horizontal plane within the terminal-receiving cavity and the retention arm extends in a vertical plane away from the terminal body portion and the retention stub extends away from the terminal body portion in a horizontal plane; and regarding Claim 12, each of the terminal body portions extending horizontally within the terminal receiving cavities, the terminal retention arms extending vertically away from the terminal body portions and the terminal retention stubs extending horizontally away from the terminal body portions.

### Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 5 and 11 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Regarding Applicant's remarks

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regarding the reasons for allowance, they have been divided to show the allowable

subject matter of each claim.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Edwin A. León whose telephone number is (703) 308-

6253. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on (703) 308-2319. The fax phone

numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)

308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final

communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or

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